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Examiner: Mary E. Zettl

In re application of	:	Terrence Christopher Platt
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Title	:	MULTIFUNCTION EDGE DEVICE FOR POWERED DOORS

**INTERVIEW
SUMMARY &
COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 22, 2010, Applicant remarks as follows.

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Attended: Mary Zettl, David Principe

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time in conducting the interview of March 12, 2010. The application was discussed with respect to “adapted to” and similar language. Agreement was reached to eliminate the “adapted to” language in order to more positively recite the limitations. Agreement was reached to cancel claims 46-50.

Examiner’s Amendment

In response to the Examiner’s proposed amendments, for the record, Applicant has the following comments regarding the interpretation of the claim language as amended by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability.

Reference to transmitter elements

In claims 31, 33, 52-54 and 68, where the claims refer to:

“...infrared transmitter elements each of which emits infrared radiation...”

Applicant asserts that this language (and similar language throughout the claims) is not to be understood as being limited solely to the situation when the infrared transmitter elements are in operation and emitting infrared radiation. Instead, the language includes, without limitation, both the situation in which the infrared transmitter elements are in operation and emitting infrared radiation, and the situation in which the infrared transmitter elements are not in operation and therefore not emitting infrared radiation (e.g. when switched off, when the edge device is removed for maintenance, and/or prior to installation after the edge device has been manufactured).

Reference to receiver elements

In claims 51-54 and 69, where the claims refer to:

“...infrared receiver elements each of which receives infrared radiation...”

Applicant asserts that this language (and similar language throughout the claims) is not to be understood as being limited solely to the situation when the infrared receiver elements are in operation and receiving infrared radiation. Instead, the language includes, without limitation, both the situation in which the receiver elements are in operation and receiving infrared radiation, and the situation in which the receiver elements are not in operation and therefore not receiving infrared radiation (e.g. when switched off, when the edge device is removed from maintenance, and/or prior to installation after the edge device has been manufactured).

Reference to illuminable elements

In claims 31, 51-53, 68 and 69, where the claims refer to:

“...illuminable elements each of which emits visible light to illuminate the elevator doorway when the door is open such that the visible light is visible to persons approaching the elevator doorway...”

and in claims 33 and 54 where the claim refers to:

“...illuminable element...which emits visible light to illuminate the elevator doorway when the door is open such that the visible light is visible to persons approaching the elevator doorway...”

Applicant asserts that this language (and similar language throughout the claims) is not to be understood as being limited solely to the situation when the illuminable element(s) is (are) in operation and emitting visible light. Instead, the language includes, without limitation, both the situation in which the illuminable element(s) is (are) in operation emitting visible light, and the situation in which the illuminable element(s) is (are) not in operation and therefore not emitting

visible light (e.g. when switched off, when the edge device is removed for maintenance, and/or prior to installation after the edge device has been manufactured).

Applicant asserts that this language (and similar language throughout the claims) is also not to be understood as being limited solely to the situation when the edge device is installed in position in an elevator doorway. Instead, the language includes, without limitation, both the situation in which the edge device is actually installed in the elevator doorway and the situation in which the edge device is not installed (e.g. when it is removed for maintenance, or prior to installation after the device has been manufactured).

Reference to illuminable elements

In claims 31, 33, 51-54, 68 and 69, where the claims refer to:

“...in use the edge device is located in the elevator door.”

Applicant asserts that this language (and similar language throughout the claims) is also not to be understood as being limited solely to the situation when the edge device is installed in position in an elevator doorway. Instead, the language includes, without limitation, both the situation in which the edge device is actually installed in the elevator doorway and the situation in which the edge device is not installed (e.g. when it is removed for maintenance, or prior to installation after the device has been manufactured).

Conclusion

If any fees are required in order to have this paper entered and considered, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 08-2442.

Respectfully submitted,
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